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## **Advanced Words Only**

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## **Session 1: Word List**

#### abolish

- v. to do away with completely; to put an end to synonym: cancel, repeal, annul
- abolish slavery, (2) abolish censorship
   The government voted to abolish the outdated law.

## firefighter

- n. a person whose job is to extinguish fires
- (1) forest **firefighter**, (2) decided to be a **firefighter**The **firefighter** broke into the house bravely to rescue the children.

## paramedic

- a healthcare professional who is trained to provide emergency medical care to patients in the pre-hospital setting, often in ambulances or other emergency vehicles
- synonym: emergency medical technician, ambulance attendant, medical responder
- (1) **paramedic** ambulance, (2) emergency **paramedic**The **paramedic** team worked together efficiently to stabilize the patient's vital signs.

#### cahoot

 n. (also used as "cahoots") a situation where two or more people are working together in a secretive or underhanded way synonym: collusion, conspiracy, connivance

(1) in **cahoots** with guerrillas, (2) secret **cahoots**The two companies were in **cahoots** to fix the prices of their products.

facto

adj. of or relating to facts; done in reality; actually existing or occurring

synonym: actual, real

- (1) ex post **facto** approval, (2) a de **facto** government The new software has become the de **facto** tool for professionals in the field.
- tricycle

  n. a three-wheeled vehicle or toy that is propelled by pedals; a bicycle with an extra wheel for stability

synonym: trike, three-wheeler

ride a tricycle, (2) tricycle race
 My toddler loves riding his tricycle around the park.

erratic

 adj. characterized by lack of consistency, regularity, or predictable behavior; unpredictable or inconsistent in movement, behavior, or quality

synonym: unpredictable, irregular, unstable

(1) **erratic** behavior, (2) **erratic** movements

The stock market has been behaving in an **erratic** manner, making it difficult for investors to predict future trends.

kneel

- v. to rest on someone's knee or kneessynonym: genuflect, crouch, bend
- (1) **kneel** down and worship, (2) **kneel** in protest The players are **kneeling** during the national anthem.

hallway

- n. an interior passage or corridor onto which rooms opensynonym: foyer, corridor, entrance
- (1) the head of a **hallway**, (2) wax a **hallway** floor He dashed down a **hallway** to a bathroom.

#### addict

 a person who cannot stop using or doing something as a habit, especially something harmful

synonym: devotee, buff, freak

(1) a drug addict, (2) Internet addict

We have become TV **addicts** due to video streaming services.

#### untreated

 adj. not given medical care or treatment; not subjected to chemical or physical treatment

synonym: raw, unprocessed, coarse

(1) an **untreated** disease, (2) dispose of **untreated** formalin solution

Heat stroke is the result of untreated heat exhaustion.

## intrigue

v. to make someone interested, especially by being strange, unusual, or mysterious; to make a secret plan with other people to harm someone

synonym: attract, captivate, charm

(1) **intrigue** him, (2) **intrigue** against his rival

The artist's innovative style of work **intrigues** me.

## daunting

 adj. looking challenging to manage in prospect; making someone anxious and less confident about carrying out something

synonym: intimidating, stunning, disheartening

(1) face the **daunting** reality, (2) seem like a **daunting** task My homework was **daunting** and complex, but it was also intriguing.

inmate

a person who is confined to an institution such as a prison, hospital, or mental health facility

synonym: prisoner, convict, detainee

(1) **inmate** population, (2) **inmate** rights

The prison implemented a new educational program for **inmates** to learn skills and prepare for life after release.

### incarceration

- *n.* the state of being confined in prison or jail *synonym*: confinement, imprisonment, detention
- mass incarceration, (2) incarceration rates
   the judge sentenced him to five years of incarceration for embezzlement.

## livelihood

n. a means of earning money people need to pay for food, a place to live, clothing, etc.

synonym: occupation, living, income

(1) a means of **livelihood**, (2) **livelihood** assistance I could no longer earn my own **livelihood**.

## incarcerate

v. to put or keep somebody in prison or in a place from which they cannot escape

*synonym*: confine, detain, imprison

(1) **incarcerate** the murderer, (2) **incarcerate** her for life He was **incarcerated** for the duration of the war.

## triage

n. the process of sorting or categorizing patients or other items by severity or priority to determine the order in which they should be treated or handled

synonym: sorting, prioritizing, categorizing

(1) triage system, (2) triage nurse

In the aftermath of the hurricane, the military set up a **triage** center to assist with medical emergencies.

#### caseworker

n. a social worker or other professionals who provides assistance and guidance to individuals or families who are dealing with various issues, such as poverty, healthcare, mental health, or legal problems

synonym: social worker, case manager, counselor

(1) child's **caseworker**, (2) experienced **caseworker**The professional **caseworker** provided emotional support and counseling to the client as they worked through challenging life circumstances

#### stabilize

v. to become or cause to become steady or unlikely to give way

synonym: brace, steady, secure

(1) **stabilize** prices, (2) **stabilize** blood sugar levels
The raising of interest rates **stabilizes** the inflation rate.

escalate

- v. to increase in intensity, size, or severity; to make something greater, worse, or more serioussynonym: increase, intensify, expand
- (1) **escalate** into a major international incident, (2) to **escalate**

The situation quickly **escalated** and turned violent.

## miraculous

adj. very effective or lucky, or completely unexpectedsynonym: amazing, astonishing, awesome

(1) a **miraculous** encounter, (2) go through a **miraculous** change

He made a miraculous recovery.

## precinct

 a defined geographic or administrative area within a larger jurisdiction, typically used for purposes such as voting or law enforcement; an enclosed or circumscribed space, often surrounded by walls or other structures

synonym: district, zone, area

(1) shopping **precinct**, (2) **precinct** voting

The police officer patrolled the **precinct** and responded to calls for assistance.

empathy

- n. the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situationsynonym: compassion, sympathy, tenderness
- (1) full of **empathy**, (2) **empathy** for patients **Empathy** is also necessary to understand history.

# **Session 2: Spelling**

1.	er	c movements	adj. characterized by lack of consistency,
			regularity, or predictable behavior;

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3. in\_\_\_e rights

4. inc\_\_\_\_te her for life

5. ab\_\_\_h censorship

6. an un\_\_\_\_ed disease

7. mass inc ion

8. ex post fa\_\_o approval

9. pa\_\_\_\_ic ambulance

ANSWERS: 1. erratic, 2. caseworker, 3. inmate, 4. incarcerate, 5. abolish, 6. untreated, 7. incarceration, 8. facto, 9. paramedic

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19. st\_\_\_\_ze blood sugar levels v. to become or cause to become steady

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ANSWERS: 10. hallway, 11. kneel, 12. triage, 13. kneel, 14. tricycle, 15. escalate, 16. addict, 17. daunting, 18. inmate, 19. stabilize, 20. stabilize

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48. secret ca\_\_\_ts

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ANSWERS: 48. cahoot

# **Session 3: Fill in the Blanks**

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n.	a three-wheeled vehicle or toy that is propelled by pedals; a bicycle with an extra wheel for stability
4.	He was for the duration of the war.
v.	to put or keep somebody in prison or in a place from which they cannot escape
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adj	characterized by lack of consistency, regularity, or predictable behavior; unpredictable or inconsistent in movement, behavior, or quality
6.	The team worked together efficiently to stabilize the patient's vital signs.
n.	a healthcare professional who is trained to provide emergency medical care to patients in the pre-hospital setting, often in ambulances or other emergency vehicles
7.	The artist's innovative style of work me.
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